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Letter dated 7 October 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the joint declaration of the President of the Republic of Serbia, H.E. Mr. Slobodan Milošević, and the President of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegović.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 81, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIĆ
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Annex

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JOINT DECLARATION

I Presidents Slobodan Milosevic and Alija Izetbegovic are firmly committed to peace and strive for:
lasting stability in Southeast Europe;
equality and cooperation of all nations and people.

II They will persist in their efforts to have the time of confrontations and conflicts replaced by the time of cooperation and prosperity.

III The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Bosnia and Hercegovina will resolve all mutual issues in the spirit of good will and understanding.

Achieving and maintaining the atmosphere of good will and understanding assumes that they will refrain, in their bilateral and international relations, from political and legal acts which do not contribute to the development of friendly relations and cooperation.

IV The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will respect the integrity of Bosnia and Hercegovina in accordance with the Dayton Agreement which affirmed the continuity of various forms of statal organization of Bosnia and Hercegovina that the peoples of Bosnia and Hercegovina had during their history.

Bosnia and Hercegovina accepts the State continuity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Both sides agree to resolve issues of succession on the basis of the rules of international law on succession of States and by agreement.

V Ensuring pre-conditions for resolving all outstanding issues in the spirit of peace and cooperation,

the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Bosnia and Hercegovina will:
- establish mutual diplomatic relations at the level of ambassadors;
- ensure that citizens can travel across the border without visas or any particular formalities;
- remove all restrictions on free trade and business activities of both sides;
- ensure, on the basis of reciprocity, equal treatment for business subjets from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Bosnia and Hercegovina in respect to the use of road, railway and other traffic and infrastructure facilities;
- encourage the development of long-term economic cooperation and provide special facilities for the opening of economic representative offices and other institutions of importance to the development of economic, cultural, scientific, technical and other forms of cooperation.

VI In order to realize the foregoing objectives the two sides will immediately proceed to the preparation and conclusion of respective agreements.

VII The two Presidents express their gratitude to President Jacques Chirac for his hospitality and emphasize the importance of the constructive role played by France and its contribution to the process of strengthening peace and stability in Southeast Europe.

Paris, 3 October 1996

Slobodan Milosevic, signed

Alija Izetbegovic, signed